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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method comprising:
cross-checking, <u>by a third party,</u> electronic information distributed within a computer network <u>between a buyer and a seller</u> with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to thereby judge whether ~~or not~~ the solicitation-related keyword is included in the electronic information; and
distributing solicitation-to-insurance information to ~~at least one of~~ <u>the buyer and/or the seller</u> ~~involved parties~~ having exchanged the electronic information with each other, when ~~it is~~ judged <u>by the third party</u> that the solicitation-related keyword is included in the electronic information.

2.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ <u>The</u> insurance task processing method of claim 1, wherein said distributing distributes the solicitation-to-insurance information to the <u>buyer and/or seller</u> ~~involved party~~ when the <u>buyer and/or seller</u> ~~involved party~~ has not yet subscribed to insurance.

3.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ <u>The</u> insurance task processing method of claim 2, wherein said distributing distributes the solicitation-to-insurance information to the <u>buyer and/or seller</u> ~~involved party~~ even when the <u>buyer and/or seller</u> ~~involved party~~ has already subscribed to insurance, if the insurance is invalid, or if the <u>buyer and/or seller</u> ~~involved party~~ has experienced an encounter with an accident related to electronic commerce in the past.

4.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ <u>The</u> insurance task processing method of claim 1, wherein said distributing distributes the solicitation-to-insurance information from an insurer selected corresponding to contents of the electronic information.

5.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ <u>The</u> insurance task processing method of claim 1,

further comprising:

receiving insurance premium information which has been calculated corresponding to a trading price included in the electronic information, based on a discount insurance premium rate as reduced from a normal insurance premium rate;

calculating a sum of the insurance premium indicated by the received insurance premium information and the trading price; and

presenting the calculated insurance premium and the calculated sum to both ~~of~~ the buyer and seller~~involved parties~~.

6.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method, comprising:

inputting transactional information in a transaction related to electronic commerce between a buyer and a seller;

~~transmitting the input transactional information;~~

cross-checking, by a third party, the transmitted transactional information between the buyer and the seller with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to judge whether ~~or not~~ the solicitation-related keyword is included in the transmitted transactional information; and

~~receiving~~ transmitting solicitation-to-insurance information ~~transmitted from a server of an insurer~~ to the buyer and/or the seller, when ~~it is~~ judged, by the third party, that the solicitation-related keyword is included in said transmitted transactional information.

7.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ The insurance task processing method of claim 6, further comprising:

judging whether ~~or not~~ a transactional keyword has been included in said input transactional information; and

notifying a risk related to the electronic commerce, when said transactional keyword is judged to be included in the transactional information.

8.   (CANCELLED)

9.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program that executes on a computer an insurance task process comprising:

inputting transactional information in a transaction related to electronic commerce between a buyer and a seller;

~~transmitting said input transactional information;~~

cross-checking, by a third party, the transmitted transactional information between the buyer and the seller with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to judge whether ~~or not~~ the solicitation-related keyword is included in the transmitted transactional information; and

~~receiving~~ transmitting solicitation-to-insurance information ~~transmitted from a server of an insurer~~ to the buyer and/or the seller, when ~~it is~~ judged, by the third party, that the solicitation-related keyword is included in said transmitted transactional information.

10.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with an insurance task processing program for rendering a computer to realize:

cross-checking, by a third party, electronic information distributed within a computer network between a buyer and a seller with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to thereby judge whether ~~or not~~ the solicitation-related keyword is included in the electronic information; and

distributing solicitation-to-insurance information to ~~at least one of involved parties~~ the buyer and/or the seller having exchanged the electronic information with each other, when ~~it is~~ judged, by the third party, that the solicitation-related keyword is included in the electronic information.

11.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing system comprising:

solicitation-judging means for cross-checking, by a third party, electronic information distributed within a computer network between a buyer and a seller with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, to thereby judge whether ~~or not~~ the solicitation-related keyword is included in the electronic information; and

distributing means for distributing solicitation-to-insurance information to ~~at least one of~~ the buyer and/or the seller ~~involved parties~~ having exchanged the electronic information with each other, when ~~it is~~ judged, by the third party, that the solicitation-related keyword is included in the electronic information.

12.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing system comprising:

a controller

~~input means for~~ inputting transactional information in a transaction related to electronic commerce between a buyer and a seller;

~~transmitting means for transmitting said input transactional information;~~

cross-checking, by a third party, the transmitted transactional information between the buyer and seller with a word table in which a solicitation-related keyword as a clue of solicitation-to-insurance is registered, ~~to judge~~

judging, by the third party, whether ~~or not~~ the solicitation-related keyword is included in the transmitted transactional information; and

~~receiving means for receiving~~ transmitting solicitation-to-insurance information ~~transmitted from a server of an insurer~~ to the buyer and/or the seller, when ~~it is~~ judged, by the third party, that the solicitation-related keyword is included in said transmitted transactional information.

13.   (WITHDRAWN - CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ The insurance task processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~a completion-judging step for~~ monitoring the electronic information distributed within ~~a~~ the computer network to judge whether ~~or not~~ a completion keyword indicative of ~~the~~ completion of a transactional negotiation in ~~the~~ electronic commerce is included in said electronic information;

~~an encrypting step for~~ encrypting the transactional information related to the electronic commerce ~~making use of~~ using a secret key, when said completion keyword is judged to be included in the electronic information; and

~~a preserving step for~~ preserving the encrypted electronic information.

14.   (WITHDRAWN - CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ The insurance task processing method of claim 13,

wherein said secret key is generated based on the date and the time at the moment when the solicitation-related ~~completion~~ keyword is judged to be included in the transactional information.

15.   (WITHDRAWN - CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ The insurance task processing method of claim 13,

wherein said secret key is generated by an insurer of an insurance, to which an involved party having exchanged the electronic information has subscribed.

16.   (WITHDRAWN - CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~ The insurance task processing method of claim 15,

wherein said secret key is distributed from the insurer in an encrypted state.

17.   (WITHDRAWN - CURRENTLY AMENDED) An-The insurance task processing system according to claim 11, further comprising program for rendering a computer to realize:

a completion-judging function-means for monitoring the electronic information distributed within a-the computer network to judge whether or not a completion keyword indicative of the completion of a transactional negotiation in the-electronic commerce is included in said electronic information;

an encrypting function encryption means for encrypting the transactional information related to the electronic commerce making use of using a secret key, when said completion keyword is judged to be included in the electronic information; and

a preserving function means for preserving the encrypted electronic information.

18.   (WITHDRAWN - CURRENTLY AMENDED) A-The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 10, further comprising:recorded with an insurance task processing program for rendering a computer to realize:

a completion-judging function for monitoring the electronic information distributed within a the computer network to judge whether or not a completion keyword indicative of the-completion of a transactional negotiation in the-electronic commerce is included in said electronic information;

an encrypting function for encrypting the transactional information related to the electronic commerce making use of using a secret key, when said completion keyword is judged to be included in the electronic information; and

a preserving function for preserving the encrypted electronic information.

19.   (WITHDRAWN - CURRENTLY AMENDED) An-The insurance task processing system according to claim 12, comprising wherein said controller further executes:

completion judging means for monitoring the electronic information distributed within a the computer network to judge whether or not a completion keyword indicative of the-completion of a transactional negotiation in the-electronic commerce is included in said electronic information;

encrypting means for encrypting the transactional information related to the electronic commerce making use of using a secret key, when said completion keyword is judged to be

included in the electronic information; and

preserving means for preserving the encrypted electronic information.

20.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An insurance task processing method comprising:

~~transmitting transactional information in a transaction related to electronic commerce;~~

judging, by a third party, whether ~~or not~~ a solicitation-related keyword from a word table is included in the ~~transmitted transactional~~electronic commerce information exchanged between a buyer and a seller; and

~~receiving~~transmitting solicitation-to-insurance information ~~transmitted from a server of an insurer~~to the buyer and/or the seller, when said judging, by the third party, determines that the solicitation-related keyword is included in said transmitted transactional information.